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Congress to investigate 'leak'

WASHINGTON—Instead of investigating the Nixon Administration's policy in the Indian-Pakistani conflict, Rep. F. Edward Hebert (D-La) wants to investigate how revealing details were leaked to Jack Anderson, who conducts a daily column, Washington Merry-Go-Round, printed by 700 newspapers at home and abroad.

The leak is already under investigation by the FBI, Justice Department, State Department and other bodies. Hebert, an anti-labor, racist ultrarightist, is chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. He assigned Rep. Lucien Nedzi (D-Mich) as chairman of a subcommittee to investigate the Anderson leak and the overall matter of "proper classification and handling of Government information involving the national security."

Anderson argues that disclosures of manipulation of public opinion by Nixon and his anti-Indian bias were undertaken to inform the public of such dangerous developments.

Among the documents most recently made public by Anderson is a copy of a secret cable from U.S. Ambassador to India, Kenneth Keating, to the State Department complaining that Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger and other White House spokesmen were misrepresenting facts and damaging U.S. credibility.

Anderson said he is being supplied with information by high officials who "believe that the Government doesn't have the right to lie." Anderson said he has in his possession dozens of documents which show that the Nixon Administration "was doing one thing and telling the American people another thing."

The Washington Post and New York Times, among many other U.S. newspapers, have sharply criticized the Nixon Administration for its two-faced policy of deluding the public. They also pointed out that Nixon's support to dictator Yahya Khan in Pakistan was motivated by the desire to strengthen the Nixon-Maoist rapprochement.

This latter point is considerably stressed in comment by outstanding figures and the press abroad.